1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SMC Projects in Community Lands	847	19029.90	12448.79	6922.91	9	838
SMC Projects in Forest Lands	3574	59178.25	46192.32	11227.98	2891	683
Watershed Development Projects in Community Lands	1204	12284.53	9632.65	642.13	1199	5
TOTAL:	19653	841775.70	544935.23	216397.32	11151	8502

Effect of hardening of rupee on exports

789. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the hardening of rupee on export is impacting the exports;

(b) if so, whether any measures are in the offing to moderate the situation and promote exports with greater vigour;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) During April-September 2007, the total values of exports have registered a growth rate of 18.5 percent in dollar terms compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. Export performance depends on many factors like world economic growth, growth in world trade, sector specific factors, etc., besides appreciation of Indian Rupee. As there was widespread concern on possible lagged adverse impact of rupee appreciation on export growth, Government has announced relief packages to exporters comprising of enhanced Duty Entitlement Passbook (DEPB) rates, reduction in Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) premium, release of Rs. 600 crore for clearing all arrears of terminal excise duties and Central Sales tax reimbursement, enhancement of duty drawback rates, reduction in interest rates on pre and post shipment credit, etc.

Development of Andhra Bank as a Micro-Financing Bank

790. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received representations to recognize and give importance to the birth place of Late Pattabhi Sitaramayya, the former congress president and founder of Andhra Bank;

(b) whether it is a fact that demands are pending with Andhra Bank;

(c) the steps proposed by Government and Andhra Bank to give importance to rural development and micro-finance in that area of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the details of demands to develop Andhra Bank as a leading Micro-Financing Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) Andhra Bank has taken a decision to develop Gundugolanu village, the birth place of Dr. Pattabhi Sitharamayya - founder of the Bank, with credit and